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Club Calendar

Monday, April 30 — Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. Dinner available.

Tuesday, May 1 — Reception for new officers of OPC and entertainment by Swiss pianist Ralph Elsaesser. Cocktails 6 p.m., buffet dinner to follow. Exhibition of geisha dances after dinner by Miss Kay Nakamura of Tokyo.

Wednesday, May 2 — Luncheon: Dr. Alfred Kinsey and his panel of researchers will discuss you all know what. Members only.

Tuesday, May 8 — Opening of exhibit of color photographs in the Stairway Gallery by Joseph D. Barnell and David J. Forbert of the Readers Digest. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner, and music by Julie Whitney.

Tuesday, May 22 — Chinese Regional Dinner. Reservations now open.

K AND G IN MONACO FIASCO IN PASTICHE

Monaco, April 25—The Kelly-Grimaldi wedding in Monaco will long linger in the minds of news and camera men for its inadequate press facilities. According to a majority opinion of reporters here, it was the "worst arranged news event of the century." This is no exaggeration. This reporter, for one, has never, in over thirty years of reportorial duties, experienced such a complete disregard from all authorities concerned. The only explanation is that the Monegasque government did not anticipate the magnitude of the press job and lacked experience in handling it.

At the beginning arrangements looked good. A whole schoolbuilding was evacuated and completely refurbished as Press Center. Everything was spick
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ACROSS THE RIVER AND INTO ELECTIONS: SLATE OF 30 TO BE VOTED MONDAY

Active members of the Overseas Press Club will vote on Monday, April 30, for a complete new slate of officers and members of the Board of Governors.

The meeting will be held at Club headquarters at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be available for those desiring it.

Under a newly adopted by-law, active members may vote for the first time by mail in this election, and a heavy out-of-town vote is expected. Resident members may also vote by mail, and provision has been made for them to vote in person, even after they have sent in their ballots. To do this, members attending the meeting who wish to retrieve their ballots must bring with them the numbered stub on the top of the ballot and show it to the teller at the entrance to the meeting. The teller will then pull the sealed envelope and return it to the member.

Following another recent change in the by-laws, two names were submitted by the nominating committee for each vacancy, except that of president. Also, this year the office of Secretary-Treasurer has been split, and candidates named for both Secretary and Treasurer.

President Louis P. Lochner this week announced the appointment by him of nine tellers for the Monday night elections. These are: James Sheldon (chairman), Donald Bolles, Charles Campbell, Anita Diamant, Lee Jaffe, Henning Koefoed, Arthur Milton, Victor Shimkin, and Frank Wachsmith.

Biographies of all 30 candidates for office are already in the hands of members, so that those who do not know the candidates personally may choose according to background, both professional and Club.

Slate of Nominees For Annual Elections

SLATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Listing Alphabetically)

For President

Bruno Shaw

For Vice Presidents

Lawrence G. Blochman	Charles Robbins
Cecil Brown	Ansel E. Talbert
Kathryn Cravens	Spencer C. Valmy

For Treasurer

A. Wilfred May
Joseph Willicombe

For Secretary

Dorothy Omansky
Will Yolen

For Governors and Alternates

Thomas Curran	Matthew Huttner
J. C. Dine	John Luter
Elizabeth Fagg	Reavis O'Neal
Emanuel Freedman	Will Oursler
K. S. Giniger	Thomas P. Whitney
John Goette	John Wilhelm

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MADE BY PETITIONS

For President

Wayne Richardson

For Governors

Carl Bakal
Croswell Bowen
Harold Lavine
Joseph C. Peters
Arthur Reef
Joseph Ruffner

The candidates receiving the six (6) highest number of votes will be elected as Governors, and the next four (4) alternates.

Incumbent members of the Board of Governors elected in 1955 for two-year Term:

John Barkham	Ruth Lloyd
Seymour Berkson	Kathleen McLaughlin
Ben Grauer	Madeline D. Ross
	Cornelius Ryan

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THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB Officers and Board

President: Louis P. Lochner; **Vice Presidents:** Kathryn Cravens, Ansel E. Talbert, Hal Lehrman; **Secretary-Treasurer:** A. Wilfred May; **Asst. to President:** Will Yolen.

Board of Governors: Norwood F. Allman, John Barkham, Seymour Berkson, Lawrence Blochman, Cecil Brown, Emanuel Freedman, Ben Grauer, Ruth Lloyd, Kathleen McLaughlin, Gabriel Pressman, Charles Robbins, Madeline D. Ross, Cornelius Ryan; **Alternates:** Fleur Cowles, Walter Rundle, Helen Zotos.

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WITH GENE JONES IN FROZEN CANADA.

Gene Jones, Associate Producer of Special Events for NBC, is on the move again, or maybe still. This time he was last seen heading North toward the Canadian border to choose live telecast sites for NBC's forthcoming documentary on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Press Week in New York Draws 1,200

By Connie Gomperts

Journalistic policies and problems were batted around during Press Week, when an estimated 1,200 editors, publishers, and business executives of daily newspapers congregated at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The executives who met last week came from this country, Canada, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Major organizations convening during Press Week included the American Newspaper Publishers Association and its Bureau of Advertising; AP, UP, INS and INP.

ANPA seminars tackled the problem of improving the quality of newspapers without corresponding rises in production costs, which are mounting steadily already.

Richard W. Slocum, executive vice-president of the Philadelphia Bulletin, opened the discussion group for "over 50,000 circulation" newspapers. He decried the fact that "the cost of doing business continues its upward climb hand-in-hand with a declining trend in the profit column."

Chairman of the session was John W. Sweeterman, vice-president and general manager of The Washington Post and Times-Herald.

D. Tennant Bryan, president-publisher of The Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch and News-Leader, told the "under 10,000" group that their job was to improve the quality of service to readers.

Chairman Philip S. Weld, president-publisher of The Gloucester (Mass.)

Times, added that small papers should raise the pay level of employees so they will not be lured away by larger papers.

All the ANPA delegates joined in bemoaning the scarcity of newsprint and its continuous cost rise. Cranston Williams, general manager of the ANPA, called it "the tightest market the publishers have ever faced when there are no government restrictions or controls."

UP executives heard the cheering news that their wire service had gained 122 new clients in the past year. Mims Thomason, general business manager, said that UP now serves 4,654 clients, and employs 6,276 employees and correspondents and 160 bureaus around the world.

At their meeting, AP executives pledged a continuance of "factual, objective, and intelligent news reporting," both at home and abroad.

The report of the eighteen-man board of directors commented on the job of news coverage that will face AP during the 1956 elections.

"The public expects from the Associated Press strict adherence to its principles of impartial and fair reporting, playing no favorites, taking no editorial position," the report said.

The seminars, meetings, and dinners lasted through Thursday.

Ivan Dmitri was honored with a Freedom Foundations award for his color photograph, "Here Lived a Hero," one of SEPost's "Face of America" series.

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HOT POLITICAL DEBATE AT GALINDEZ LUNCH

What began as a quiet luncheon panel on the disappearance of Jesus de Galindez, journalist, professor and Trujillo foe, almost blew up on Tuesday, April 24, during the question period when Connie Ryan and Dan van Acker threw a couple of bombshells into the discussion.

Daniel James and German Ornes, former editor of *El Caribe* in the Dominican Republic, had finished their talks on Galindez and the Trujillo regime when Ornes was challenged by van Acker for his "recent conversion" in October of last year. Ornes was then further questioned by Ryan on his right to sit at the table with a number of liberals when his prominent connection with the regime had continued to so recent a date.

Ornes responded by saying that he, his brother and his father had suffered under Trujillo, that he was a "hostage" during his term as editor of the dictator's newspaper and that other members of his family in addition to himself had spent time in jail as a result of their attitude to the "benefactor of the Dominican Republic."

Robert Conway of the News cut in with the objection that the interchange was becoming a political debate and asked that the club return to the discussion on the disappearance of a newspaperman. Ryan asked what had finally caused Ornes to cede his \$60,000 a year job and Craig Thompson inquired, in a reference to the list and amount of properties Ornes had accused the dictator of owning, whether the issue concerned the division of spoils or a free press. Thompson also wanted to know if the subject was who had the money or who had freedom in the Dominican Republic.

The panel was sponsored by the Inter-American Press Association. Herbert L. Matthews of the New York Times was moderator.

WASHINGTON NOTE

Denny Griswold, publisher and editor of Public Relations News, will be a guest of honor next week at the "cold-war" luncheon to be given in Washington on May 1 by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Other guests of honor will include Ted Streibert of USIA and Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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and span. There were cable offices, telephone cabins, writing desks with typewriters for various languages, and a helpful office staff. At an open-air bar in the court yard soft drinks were on the house (of Grimaldi).

But things began to happen the minute the press corps, supposedly 1,500 strong, moved in. This number can not be verified as no official list of accredited reporters was published. Some estimates run even up to 1,800. A fair guess is around 1,300 which would make this wedding the most widely covered European news event of the year so far. Only slightly more than 1,000 covered last year's biggest news event in Europe — summit conference at Geneva.

Much doubt, though, was expressed here about proper accreditation. Credentials of many were, reportedly, not very substantial. The idea of some camera fans was to pose as press photographers and to get as many good shots as possible from the best available grandstands. Tribunes erected for this purpose and marked "Press" were fenced off in most cases hundreds of yards out of the way. It made the working press, especially cameramen, indignant and caused the hostile demonstrations for the Prince and his bride in

front of the International Sporting Club.

But worst of all was the non-cooperation of the Prince's press chief, Jean Gastaud-Mercury. There were no hand-outs. Constantly "in meetings" the Prince's mouthpiece remained invisible and held his "press conferences" twice a day, at noon and at 6 pm, over the loudspeaker. His brief announcements were in French only, and a promise that an English translation would follow never came forth.

Consequently, there was no authentic source of information which resulted in a free-for-all fight for news-hungry reporters. It also resulted in bitterness toward the Prince who never received the press but gave an exclusive interview to the London "Daily Mail" in which he expressed surprise at the correspondents' "hostile attitude." When he finally softened up, the damage that had been done was beyond repair.

Curt L. Heymann

AND OH, YES...

...On Saturday, April 21, in Independence, Mo. Miss Margaret Truman became the bride of Clifton Daniel, assistant to the foreign editor of the New York Times. Miss Truman is the daughter of former President Harry S. Truman. There were no complaints from newsmen.



Harris & Ewing

HONORED: German Ambassador Heinz L. Krekeler is shown just after he had presented club president Louis P. Lochner with the Officer's Cross first class of the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany. Lochner, who is photographed with Mrs. Lochner, was cited for his objective reporting on postwar Germany which helped that country back into the community of free nations and for his work with the Hoover Committee administering relief to postwar Germany.

WHAT THEY SAY...

In the midst of Press Week doings, delegates found time to unburden themselves of opinions on national and international issues, and what their readers were interested in. Here are some of the results:

Palmer Hoyt, publisher-editor of The Denver Post: "People are concerned first with living, therefore their interest is centered in foreign affairs more than ever before. They're interested in survival and all that pertains to it—national defense, peace and the continuance of peace."

Marshall Field, Jr., publisher-editor of The Chicago Sun-Times: "People are most concerned with the running story of the prosperity we're enjoying today—in other words, the economic future."

Ted Dealey, president-publisher of The Dallas (Tex.) News: "Desegregation is our greatest concern. It shouldn't be forced upon people in a hurry."

George W. Healy, Jr., editor of the New Orleans (La.) Times-Picayune and States: "The Soviet policy reflects a rise in the Russian people of a desire for something akin to a voice in their government. It hasn't changed their anti-capitalist line, however."

Roy Roberts, president of the Kansas City Star: "Some districts are turning against the Administration, and in trade the farm situation is beginning to be felt."

Charles D. Thierot, publisher of the San Francisco Chronicle: "Our readers are concerned with problems involving

their own community. California is growing so fast and going through so many growing pains that the people haven't time to be terribly concerned with foreign affairs."

Luther L. Hill, publisher of the Des Moines Register and Tribune: "To call this a farm depression is a misnomer. The Iowa farmer is really very prosperous. The President will carry Iowa without any question. If the election were held today, he'd carry the state by a larger majority than before."

"SEE IT NOW?"

WHO COULD HELP IT?

Television viewers and their colleagues around the world are used to seeing Edward R. Murrow in parka and Ridgway fur cap, flying clothes, and whatever else comes to hand. But this week's "See It Now" was the bitter end.

At the close of the hour-long show—the first part of a two-part report on Africa, Murrow was shown on a North African beach, clad in a sport coat that almost certainly never saw the inside of 485 Madison Ave.

TAYLOR PLAY

Henry J. Taylor has written a play based on the Dowager Empress of China and entitled "The Empress." Movie rights have been bought by Walter Wanger and current plans call for filming on location in Japan.

"The Empress," according to Taylor grew out of a trip to China for Scripps-Howard, and subsequent research was

done largely in New York and London—with the aid of such people as former President Hoover and Alice Roosevelt Longworth, who visited the Dowager Empress in Peking.

FRANK BOOK

Pat Frank's new novel, "Forbidden Area" (Lippincott, 252 pages, \$3.50), again shows the author's ability as a spinner of yarns. This is a readable tale of the imminent threat of a Russian atomic attack and the efforts of a group of Pentagon planners to alert the government to the nation's impending doom. The novel is laid in Washington and in Florida, Frank's present stamping ground, and moves along at a rapid pace, with strong attention to detail. Characterizations, however, are not as sharp as those in "Mr. Adam," "Hold Back the Night," and, especially, "An Affair of State," which, in this reviewer's opinion, is Frank's best work. "Forbidden Area" is a story that may be read in one evening—indeed, it is just as well to set an evening aside, since it is one of those books you can't, etc.... (D.M.)

CLASSIFIEDS

APARTMENT to sub-let May 1-Oct. 1, W. 83rd St. near Central Park W., two rooms, kitchen, bath, with sunny terrace. 3rd floor walk-up. LYceum 5-2487.

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